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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

ROCHESTER MAN CONVICTED OF FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGE

Re: United States v. Randolph BOSTON, Jr.

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, William J. Hoover, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"), and Rochester Police Chief David G. Dubois, announced that Randolph BOSTON, Jr., of Rochester, NH, was sentenced on March 4, 2005 on federal weapons possession charges.

On November 23, 2004, BOSTON entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr., to an information charging him with being a drug user in possession of 15 firearms between January 1 and June 30, 2004 in Strafford County, New Hampshire. The firearms were stolen from family members and friends and sold by BOSTON to gun dealers to obtain funds to support his drug addiction.

Judge DiClerico imposed a sentence of 24 months imprisonment followed by a 3-year period of supervised release during which BOSTON's behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

BOSTON was released subject to behavioral conditions to be supervised by the U.S. Department of Probation pending his sentencing hearing to be held in U.S. District Court in Concord on February 25, 2005. He faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by our Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of drug traffickers and unlawful drug users is one of our main objectives. The BOSTON case is a clear illustration of how drug use frequently leads to serious criminality. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws.

The prosecution against BOSTON, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Joseph Laplante and William Morse.

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